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SUBJECT: 31ST GENERAL MEETING OF COCOA PRODUCERS ALLIANCE

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1. SUMMARY: 31ST GENERAL MEETING OF COCOA PRODUCERS ALLIANCE CONCLUDED
IN

LIBREVILLE JULY 13. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED IN CONXIDENCE RECORD OF
DECISIONS TAKEN BY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE WHICH ARE SUMMARIZED BELOW.
REPORT WAS PROVIDED TO EMBASSY BY AMBASSADOR OF VENEZUELA WHO WAS
OBSERVER (MUST BE PROTECTED) AND WHO TOLD US THAT HE BELIEVED
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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FELT INCREASINGLY WELL DISPOSED TOWARD US
POSITIONS ON BUFFER STOCK PROPOSAL. COPIES OF DOCUMENT BEING
POUCHED TO DEPARTMENT AND AMEMBASSY LONDON. PRESS RELEASE
ISSUED AT CONCLUSION OF SESSIONS IS SUBJECT SEPTTEL. END SUMMARY.

2. MATTERS FROM MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS: (A) SAO TOME AND
PRINCIPE HAS BEEN ACCEPTED AS FULL MEMBER OF ALLIANCE BUT HAS NOT

YET DEPOSITED FORMAL INSTRUMENT OF ACCEPTANCE. COMMITTEE EXPRESSED HOPE THAT DOCUMENT WOULD BE FORWARDED WITHOUT FURTHER DELAY. (B) COMMITTEE NOTED THAT ALLIANCE SECRETARIAT HAD NOT YET RECEIVED CONTRIBUTION FOR ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET FROM TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO FOR 1977/1978 YEAR, IN AMOUNT OF 7016 NAIRA. (C) ALLIANCE HAD REMITTED

6000 POUNDS STERLING TO ROYAL BOTANICAL GARDENS, KEW, ENGLAND TOWARD DEFRAING OPERATIONAL COSTS OF QUARANTINE STATION. COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED THAT ICCO AT 11TH ANNUAL MEETING APPROVE GRANT OF 2000 POUNDS STERLING FOR 1978/1979 FINANCIAL YEAR TO ROYAL BOTANICAL GARDENS, KEW. (D) MOTION WAS TAKEN THAT NO RESPONSE RECEIVED FROM ACP SECRETARIAT IN BRUSSELS TO RECOMMENDATION BY ALLIANCE THAT SUPPORT BE GIVEN TO COCOA RESEARCH UNIT OF UNIVERSITY OF WEST INDIES.

3. COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED THAT VOTES FOR COCOA YEAR 1977/1978 BE ALLOCATED AS FOLLOWS:

BRAZIL	162	GHANA	270
CAMEROON	87	NIGERIA	183
IVORY COAST	149	TOGO	37
ECUADOR	62	TRINIDAD	
GABON	25	& TOBAGO	25
TOTAL	1000		

4. DISTRIBUTION OF VOTES FOR 1978/1979: STATISTICS USED FOR DISTRIBUTION OF VOTES FOR 1978/1979 WERE THOSE COMPILED BY ICCO UPON TRANSFER OF PROCESSING COCOA STATISTICS FROM FAO TO ICCO. COTES CONFIDENTIAL

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WILL BE APPORTIONED AS FOLLOWS:

BRAZIL	167	GHANA	278
CAMEROON	89	NIGERIA	162
IVORY COAST	153	TOGO	38
ECUADOR	63	TRINIDAD	
GABON	25	& TOBAGO	25
TOTAL	1000		

5. OFFICERS AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR 1978: COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 1978/1979 OFFICERS ARE IVORY COAST. CHAIRMAN; BRAZIL, VICE CHAIRMAN; GABON, ADVISOR. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR 1978/1979 ARE: IVORY COAST, CHAIRMAN; BRAZIL, VICE-CHAIRMAN; GABON, SECRETARY; GHANA, TREASURER; ECUADOR, LEGAL ADVISOR; AND MEMBERS NIGERIA, CAMEROON, TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO, AND TOGO.

6. AD HOC COMMITTEE OF DRAFT ADMINISTRATIVE RULES WILL BE CONVENED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE IN LAGOS AT ALLIANCE HEADQUARTERS.

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7. RENEGOTIATION OF 1975 COCOA AGREEMENT: REPORT OF MEETING HELD
IN YAMOUSSOKRO WAS ADOPTED; RECOMMENDATIONS IN THAT REPORT FORMED
BASIS OF OPINION AND PRELIMINARY COMMENTS OF PRODUCER COUNTRIES FOR
LONDON MEETING IN MID-JUNE 1978. SPECIFICALLY: ALLIANCE SECRETARIAT
SHOULD UNDERTAKE STUDY ON COSTS OF COCOA PRODUCTION, SUPPLY OF
COCOA TO MARKET, AND INTERNATIONAL PRICE TRENDS IN PAST YEARS. IN
ANTICIPATION OF DECISION OF ICCO TO RENEGOTIATE 1975 AGREEMENT,
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RENEGOTIATION COMMITTEE SHOULD BE ESTABLISHED INCLUDING ALL MEMBERS
OF ALLIANCE, AND MEETING OF RENEGOTIATION COMMITTEE SHOULD BE CONVENED
IN
LIGHT OF COUNCIL SESSION MEETINGS IN LONDON. COMMITTEE FURTHER

RECOMMENDED THAT DRAFT SCHEME FOR OPERATION OF BUFFER STOCK AS ONLY MEANS OF COCOA PRICE STABILIZATION AS PRESENTED BY SECRETARIAT OF ALLIANCE BE ADOPTED AS ONE OF SEVERAL WORKING PAPERS FOR RENEGOTIATION COMMITTEE. SECRETARY GENERAL OF ALLIANCE WAS REQUESTED TO MAKE COMPARATIVE STUDY OF US PROPOSAL ON BUFFER STOCK AND SECRETARIAT DOCUMENT (DRAFT SCHEME) ON BUFFER STOCK.

8. ELECTIONS FOR COUNCIL OFFICERS AND OTHER SUBSIDIARY BODIES: GOVERNMENT OF GABON WAS REQUESTED TO PRESENT CANDIDATE FOR POST OF SECOND VICE-CHAIRMAN OF ICCO FOR YEAR 1978/1979, ALLIANCE RECOMMENDED FOLLOWING AS MEMBERS OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF ICCO, COMPOSED OF EIGHT EXPORTERS AND EIGHT IMPORTERS: BRAZIL, CAMEROON, IVORY COAST, GHANA, NIGERIA, TOGO, MEXICO, AND ECUADOR. OF THOSE, FIRST SIX EASILY ELECTED ON STRENGTH OF NUMBER OF VOTES HELD. BRAZIL WOULD PRESENT CANDIDATE FOR POST OF CHAIRMAN OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOR 1978/1979 AND CAMEROON FOR VICE CHAIRMAN. CAMEROON, ECUADOR, GHANA, TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO WERE RECOMMENDED TO REMAIN ON CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE. SUBSIDIARY BODY MEMBERSHIPS WERE ALSO ESTABLISHED (A) FINANCIAL COMMITTEE: BRAZIL, CAMEROON, IVORY COAST, AND NIGERIA; (B) COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC AND CONTROL RULES: BRAZIL, TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO, GHANA, IVORY COAST, NIGERIA AND TOGO; AND (C) AD HOC WORKING GROUP ON BUFFER STOCK RULES: BRAZIL, GHANA, IVORY COAST, NIGERIA, AND TOGO. GHANA WAS ASKED TO PRESENT CANDIDATE FOR CHAIRMAN OF ECONOMIC AND CONTROL RULES COMMITTEE WITH UNDERSTANDING THAT CHAIRMAN OF THAT COMMITTEE AUTOMATICALLY BECOMES CHAIRMAN OF AD HOC WORKING GROUP ON BUFFER STOCK RULES.

9. GOVERNMENT OF NIGERIA WAS ASKED TO CONTINUE TO MAKE AVAILABLE
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SERVICES OF AN AUDITOR TO COOPERATE IN AUDITING 1978/79 ACCOUNTS
ON BEHALF OF EXPORTING COUNTRIES.

10. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE WOULD CONTINUE TO STUDY RECOMMENDATIONS
BY SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH COMMITTEE TOWARD PUBLICATION OF INTERNATIONAL
CACAO CULTIVAR CATALOGUE.

11. SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH COMMITTEE WOULD EXAMINE WHETHER ALLIANCE
SHOULD RECOGNIZE AND SUPPORT CONFERENCES ORGANIZED ON REGIONAL
BASIS BY CACAO SCIENTISTS, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT BIENNIAL INTERNATIONAL
COCOA RESEARCH CONFERENCES, WITH PROVISIO THAT NO REQUEST FOR FINAN-
CIAL ASSISTANCE FROM REGIONALLY ORGANIZED CONFERENCES SHOULD BE
FAVORABLY CONSIDERED. CONFERENCE IN QUESTION IS SIXTH WEST AFRICAN
COCOA ENTOMOLOGISTS CONFERENCE.

12. INTERIM STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT FOR SEPTEMBER 1, 1977, THROUGH MAY
31, 1978, WAS NOTED. ANNUAL ASSESSMENTS UPON
MEMBERS WERE LEVIED AT TOTAL OF 630,074 NAIRA, AND ALLIANCE'S
SECRETARIAT BUDGET WAS ESTABLISHED AT SAME AMOUNT. SECRETARY

GENERAL WAS INVITED BY COMMITTEE TO QUOTE IMPLEMENT BUDGET WITH
UTMOST RESTRAINT INQUOTE.

13. GOVERNMENT OF NIGERIA WILL BE ASKED THROUGH NIGERIAN DELEGATE
TO EXPEDITE SELECTION AND APPROVAL OF SITE FOR ALLIANCE OFFICE
ACCOMODATIONS AND STAFF QUARTERS. PREVIOUS SIT HAD BEEN FOUND
UNSUITABLE BY NIGERIAN AUTHORITIES.

14. ALLIANCE ACCEPTED INVITATION OF GOVERNMENT OF ECUADOR FOR 32ND
GENERAL MEETING, TO TAKE PLACE AS CLOSE AS POSSIBLE TO TWELGTH
ORDINARY SESSION OF ICCO.

15. COMMENT: ACCORDING VENEZUELAN AMBASSADOR, MAIN SUBSTANCE OF
MEETING INVOLVED QUESTION OF OPERATION OF BUFFER STOCK AS ONLY
MEANS OF PRICE STABILIZATION (CONSIDERED TO BE USG POSITION), AS
OPPOSED TO BUFFER STOCK ARRANGEMENT PLUS QUOTAS. EXECUTIVE
COMMITTEE ON ALLIANCE APPARENTLY ENDORSED FURTHER STUDY OF BUFFER
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STOCK ARRANGMENT ONLY. THERE IS NO REFERENCE TO QUOTAS IN "RECORD
OF DECISIONS." TIENKEN

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